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1. SUMMARY: ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF PROPRIETARY PROCUREMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMODITIES IS PROVIDED AS REQUESTED.

THE PRIMARY REASON FOR PROPRIETARY PROCUREMENT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (AGO) STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN EFFECT SINCE 1975. THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT AND SELECTION OF MANUFACTURERS OTHER THAN MOTOROLA AND SOUTHCOM HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE AGO TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS. IT IS THEIR FIRM POSITION THAT FOR THE USG TO INTRODUCE EQUIPMENT FROM OTHER MANUFACTURERS INTO A PREDOMINATELY MOTOROLA AND SOUTHCOM SYSTEM WOULD DEFEAT THEIR PRESENT STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM AND COMPOUND THE MAINTENANCE, TRAINING, SPARE PARTS INVENTORIES, AND SUPPLY RECORDS REQUIREMENTS AT A CONSIDERABLE FUTURE COST TO THEIR ORGANIZATION.

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CHASED ABOUT 65 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL MOTOROLA TELECOM-MUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WITH ITS OWN RESOURCES AND HAS STATED THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO PURCHASE MOTOROLA EQUIPMENT IN THE INTEREST OF STANDARDIZATION. FURTHER, IN THE CASE OF MOTOROLA, THE AGO BELIEVES, AND WE FULLY CONCUR, THAT MOTOROLA IN-COUNTRY SERVICE SUPPORT AVAIL-ABILITY AND DEPENDABILITY ARE SUPERIOR AND, FOR THIS REASON, PREFERRED BY THE AGO. END SUMMARY.

- 2. PIO/C 5-2387838: 200 EACH SOUTHCOM MODEL SC 120 HF-SSB PORTABLE TRANSCEIVERS WITH ACCESSORIES. PROPIETARY PROCUREMENT FROM SOUTHCOM INTERNATIONAL, INC., IS REQUESTED ON THE BASIS OF THE STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM NOW IN EFFECT. 140 EACH IDENTICAL TRANSCEIVERS ARE IN USE IN-COUNTRY. TECHNICIANS HAVE RECEIVED USSPONSORED TRAINING IN MAINTENANCE AT THE SOUTHCOM FACTORY AND BY US ADVISORS IN-COUNTRY. A MAINTENANCE EXPERIENCE FACTOR OF 2.8 YEARS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON THIS EQUIPMENT WITH A SIMILAR PERIOD OF OPERATOR FAMILIARITY. SUBSTANTIAL SPARE PARTS INVENTORIES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND SUPPLY RECORDS INCORPORATED ACCORDINGLY.
- 3. PIO/C 5-2387841: ITEM 1-30 EACH HF-SSB TRANS-CEIVERS WITH ACCESSORIES, MOTOROLA MODEL L70SGG1180 AND ITEM 4-25 EACH MOTOROLA MODEL T80SCA1800: PRO-PRIETARY PROCUREMENT FROM MOTOROLA IS REQUESTED ON THE BASIS OF THE STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM NOW IN EFFECT. 27 EACH TRANSCEIVERS (IDENTICAL TO THE BASE STATIONS AND SIMILAR TO THE MOBILE TRANSCEIVERS) ARE IN USE IN-COUNTRY. TECHNICIANS HAVE RECEIVED US-SPONSORED MOTOROLA FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE AND US ADVISOR TRAINING IN MAINTENANCE. A MAINTENANCE EXUNCLASSIFIED

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PERIENCE FACTOR OF 1.5 YEARS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED WITH SUBSTANTIAL SPARE PARTS INVENTORIES AND SUPPLY RECORDS ESTABLISHED.

- 4. PIO/C 5-2387839: (A) ITEM 6 90 EACH VHF-FM
 HAND-HELD TRANSCEIVERS, MOTOROLA MODEL H33FFN1170.
 PROPRIETARY PROCUREMENT FROM MOTOROLA IS REQUESTED ON
 THE BASIS OF THE STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM NOW IN EFFECT.
 150 EACH IDENTICAL TRANSCEIVERS ARE IN USE IN THE
 COUNTRY-WIDE VHF-FM SYSTEM. TECHNICIANS HAVE RECEIVED
 US-SPONSORED MOTOROLA FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE AND US
 ADVISOR TRAINING IN MAINTENANCE AND HAVE ACHIEVED A
 MAINTENANCE EXPERIENCE FACTOR OF OVER THREE YEARS.
 SUBSTANTIAL SPARE PARTS INVENTORIES AND SUPPLY RECORDS
 HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. AGO WILL CONTINUE PROPRIETARY
 PROCUREMENT OF ASSOCIATED MOTOROLA BASE STATION,
 (55 NOW IN USE) AND MOBILE UNITS (380 IN USE)
 AND CONTINUE TO UTILIZE MOTOROLA SUPPORT SERVICES IN
 COUNTRY BASED ON AVAILABILITY AND DEPENDABILITY.
- (B) ITEM 9 16 EACH VHF/FM TRANSCEIVER REPEATER STATIONS, MOTOROLA MODEL C73RCB1105. PROPRIETARY

PROCUREMENT FROM MOTOROLA IS REQUESTED ON THE BASIS OF THE STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM NOW IN EFFECT. FOUR (FOR THE MOST PART IDENTICAL) TRANSCEIVERS ARE IN USE IN-COUNTRY. TECHNICIANS HAVE RECEIVED US-SPONSORED MOTOROLA FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE AND US ADVISOR TRAINING IN MAINTENANCE. SUBSTANTIAL SPARE PARTS INVENTORIES ARE ON HAND AND SUPPLY RECORDS ESTABLISHED. THESE REPEATER TRANSCEIVERS ARE INCORPORATED IN A PREDOMINATELY MOTOROLA EQUIPPED VHF-FM SYSTEM COMPRISED OF 380 MOTOROLA MOBILE UNITS, 150 MOTOROLA HAND-HELD UNITS AND 55 MOTOROLA BASE STATIONS. AGO WILL CONTINUE PROCUREMENT OF ADDITIONAL MOTOROLA EQUIPMENT FOR THIS

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SYSTEM FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES IN FURTHERANCE OF THEIR STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM AND CONTINUE TO RELY UPON MOTOROLA SERVICE SUPPORT FACILITIES IN COUNTRY.

- (C) ITEM 1-60 EACH VHF-FM HAND-HELD TRANSCEIVERS, MOTOROLA MODEL H33BBB1144. PROPRIETARY PROCUREMENT FROM MOTOROLA IS REQUESTED ON THE BASIS OF THE STAND-ARDIZATION PROGRAM NOW IN EFFECT. THESE TRANSCEIVERS, EQUIPPED WITH IDENTIFICATION/EMERGENCY CALL FEATURES WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO A VHF-FM SYSTEM WHICH INCLUDES 70 MOTOROLA MOBILE TRANSCEIVERS. THE AGO WILL CONTINUE TO PROCURE ADDITIONAL MOTOROLA MOBILE UNITS WITH OWN RESOURCES IN EXPANSION OF THIS SYSTEM AND WILL CONTINUE TO RELY UPON MOTOROLA SUPPORT SERVICES IN COUNTRY.
- 4. PIO/C 5-2387840: 62 EACH UHF/FM BASE STATION TRANSCEIVERS, MOTOROLA MODEL L54BCB1190. PROPRIETARY PROCUREMENT FROM MOTOROLA IS REQUESTED ON THE BASIS OF THE STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM NOW IN EFFECT. SIX IDENTICAL BASE STATION TRANSCEIVERS ARE IN USE IN-

COUNTRY. (TEN COMPATIBLE MOTOROLA MOBILE AND TEN HANDHELD TRANSCEIVERS ARE IN USE IN THIS SYSTEM). TECHNICIANS HAVE RECEIVED U.S.-SPONSORED MOTOROLA FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE AND U.S. ADVISOR TRAINING IN MAINTENANCE. SUBSTANTIAL INVENTORIES OF SPARE PARTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND STOCKAGE RECORDS INCORPORATED. AGO PLANS UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PROCUREMENT OF ADDITIONAL MOTOROLA MOBILE UNITS. AGO WILL CONTINUE TO RELY UPON MOTOROLA SERVICE SUPPORT IN COUNTRY.

- 5. REF (C) (WORKSHEET PIO/C) CONTROL CONSOLES, TRANSCEIVERS AND ACCESSORIES. PROPRIETARY PROCUREMENT FROM MOTOROLA IS REQUESTED FOR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12 AND 14 THROUGH 19 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGO STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM NOW IN EFFECT AND TO ENSURE TOTAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT COMPATIBILITY. THE AGO DOES NOT WANT A MIX OF EQUIPMENT IN THIS SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY IN CONSIDERATION OF MODIFICATIONS BY OTHER MANUFACTURERS TO EXISTING MOTOROLA EQUIPMENT TO ACCOMMODATE THE SELECTIVE CALL, VOICE PRIVACY, IDENTIFICATION AND EMERGENCY SIGNALLING FEATURES.
- 6. EMBASSY COMMENT: NAU/AGO TELECOMMUNICATIONS STAFF CONSIDER THE JUSTIFICATIONS CITED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGO STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM NOW IN EFFECT AND THEREFORE DO NOT CONCUR WITH COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES. EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS POSITION. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT EFFORTS TO EXPEDITE PROCUREMENT ACTION. LUCEY

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